

In the Claims:

1 (currently amended). A slingshot body for use with an elastic member in slinging a projectile, comprising: a fork portion to which the elastic member is to be attached; a gripping portion to be grasped by a user of the slingshot body; and mounting apparatus pivotally connecting said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another; and a stop member to prevent pivotal movement of said fork portion beyond a chosen angle relative to said gripping portion.

2 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: said gripping portion having an axis of elongation and said mounting apparatus having a pivotal axis that is disposed to extend substantially parallel to the axis of elongation.

3 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: said mounting apparatus including an axle connected to said fork portion and extending into said gripping portion.

4 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 3, further comprising: said mounting apparatus including a bearing ring disposed in said gripping portion to engage the axle while allowing the axle to rotate within said gripping portion.

5 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight to said fork portion.

6 (canceled).

7 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member to said fork portion.

8 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 7, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus.

9 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 7, further comprising: said pivotal connecting apparatus including first and second pivotal connectors disposed on said fork portion.

10 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 9, further comprising: the first and second pivotal connectors having a pivoting axis, the pivoting axis being disposed to extend substantially coincidently with one another and to intersect with a pivotal axis of said mounting apparatus.

11 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 9, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight in close proximity to each of the first and second pivotal connectors.

12 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion.

13 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 12, further comprising: said stabilizing member being disposed to extend between first and second arms of said fork portion.

14 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 13, further comprising: pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member to said fork portion; and said stabilizing member being pivotally connected to said fork portion in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus.

15 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: said fork portion having first and second outboard

ends; pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member in close proximity to the first and second outboard ends of said fork portion; and a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion pivotally connected in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus.

16 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 15, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight connected to said stabilizing member.

17 (currently amended). A The slingshot body for use with an elastic member in slinging a projectile, set forth in Claim 16, further comprising: a fork portion to which the elastic member is to be attached, said fork portion having first and second outboard ends; pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member in close proximity to the first and second outboard ends of said fork portion; a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion pivotally connected in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus; a gripping portion to be grasped by a user of the slingshot body; mounting apparatus pivotally connecting said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another; and a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight connected to said stabilizing member, said sight mounting bracket being disposed on said stabilizing member in close proximity to a location where a pivotal axis of said mounting apparatus crosses the stabilizing member.

18 (currently amended). A slingshot body for use with an elastic member in slinging a projectile, comprising: a fork portion to which the elastic member is to be attached; a gripping portion to be grasped by a user of the slingshot body; and pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member to said fork portion, said pivotal connecting apparatus including

first and second pivotal connectors disposed on said fork portion, the first and second pivotal connectors having a pivoting axis, the pivoting axis being disposed to extend substantially coincidently with one another.

19 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 18, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight in close proximity to one of the first and second pivotal connectors ~~said pivotal connecting apparatus.~~

20 (canceled).

21 (canceled).

22 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim ~~20~~ 18, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight in close proximity to each of the first and second pivotal connectors.

23 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 22, further comprising: a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion.

24 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 23, further comprising: said stabilizing member being disposed to extend between first and second arms of said fork portion and along a side of the first arm facing away from the second arm and along a side of the second arm facing away from the first arm.

25 (canceled).

26 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 18, further comprising: said fork portion having first and second outboard ends; said pivotal connecting apparatus having first and second pivotal connectors, the first pivotal connector

disposed in close proximity to the first outboard end of said fork portion and the second pivotal connector disposed for pivotally connecting the elastic member in close proximity to the first and second outboard end ends of said fork portion; and a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion pivotally connected in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus.

27 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 26, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight connected to said stabilizing member.

28 (currently amended). A The slingshot body for use with an elastic member in slinging a projectile, set forth in Claim 27, further, comprising: a fork portion to which the elastic member is to be attached, said fork portion having first and second outboard ends; a gripping portion to be grasped by a user of the slingshot body; pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member to said fork portion; pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member in close proximity to the first and second outboard ends of said fork portion; a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion pivotally connected in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus; and a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight connected to said stabilizing member, said sight mounting bracket being disposed on said stabilizing member in close proximity to a location where a pivotal axis of said mounting apparatus crosses the stabilizing member.

29 (currently amended). A slingshot body for use with an elastic member in slinging a projectile, comprising: a fork portion to which the elastic member is to be attached; a gripping portion to be grasped by a user of the slingshot body; and a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion,

said stabilizing member being disposed to extend between first and second arms of said fork portion and for a distance along a side of the first arm facing away from the second arm and along a side of the second arm facing away from the first arm.

30 (canceled).

31 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim ~~30~~ 29, further comprising: pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member to said fork portion; and said stabilizing member being pivotally connected to said fork portion in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus.

32 (new) The slingshot body set forth in Claim 31, further comprising: mounting apparatus pivotally connecting said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another.